B-3505 - B-3517 1105-1139 William St. (East side) Baltimore, Md. Private access c.1840-1895

The east side of the 1100 block of William St. is improved with a variety of house types dating over a wide range of years. At 1105 William St. there is a two story plus attic, two bay wide brick house, built in the early 1840's. 1107-1109 and 1111-1113 William St. are pairs of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the late 1850's or 1860's. 1115-1117 William St. is a pair of three story, three bay wide brick houses with shed roofs but no extant roof cornice probably built in the early 1880's; 1119 William St. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof but no extant roof cornice, built in the late 1870's. At 1121 William St. there is a late Victorian style two story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, built in the late 1870's; 1123 and 1125 William St. are both two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses, built in the 1840's; 1127 William St. is a late Victorian style two story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice, built in the early 1890's; and 1129 William St. is the remaining two story, two bay wide brick back building of the original house that once stood at the front of the lot, probably built in the 1840's or 1850's. At 1131-1133 and 1135-1137 William St. there are two pairs of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, built in the late 1870's or early 1880's. Finally, at 1139 William St. there is a two story, two bay wide brick house with gable roof set perpendicular to William St.. This original gable-roofed house is now obscured behind a later two story front with flat roofline. The modernized structure, with deep rear addition, now serves as a bakery.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices were built as a unit in the 1880's on undeveloped land directly to the south of the row of gable roofed buildings that had been built along William St. in the 1840's. The houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are three stories in height, 14' wide, and occupy lots 82' deep. Each house has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition, followed by a two story high, one bay deep frame addition. 1133 William has an extra one story high, two bay deep frame addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but the facades have been covered with formstone. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of scroll-sawed modillions and a plain freize area bordered by a row of scroll-sawed motifs. Three brackets decorated with carved balls support the cornice and at one time connected it to a lower molding strip which is now missing. There is a double rectangular chimney located on the rear section of the roof, along the partition wall between the two houses. There is also a rear end chimney located at the east end of the rear addition.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the first floor openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The second and third floor openings currently seem to have flat lintels but the formstone may be extending below the arched tympanums. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. 1131 William St. has a late Victorian glass and panel door; 1133 William has a Mission-style door. Both doors are set beneath single light transoms. The houses sit on fairly low basements, the entrances being reached by three stone steps at 1131 William and by three brick steps at 1133 William. Each house has a rectangular basement opening located beneath the first floor window. An arched alleyway runs between the two houses.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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_1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is significant as being one of a fairly small group of large, Victorian style houses built in the Federal Hill area after the Civil War. The houses were built to accomodate the growing number of middle-class residents in the area who had prospered at local trades and businesses and could afford a large house with some stylistic pretensions. Apart from the shed roof and bracketed cornice, houses such as these were essentially the same as their gable-roofed predecessors, both in plan and facade details.

These houses were built by Bernard Freesman as part of his development of the orth-east corner of William and West Streets. Freesman was a grocer whose store was located at 1124 William St., just opposite these houses. The houses remained in the Freesman family as rental property.1

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber FAP 873, Folio 300; RO 2063, Folio 271; Baltimore City Directory, 1880, 1885

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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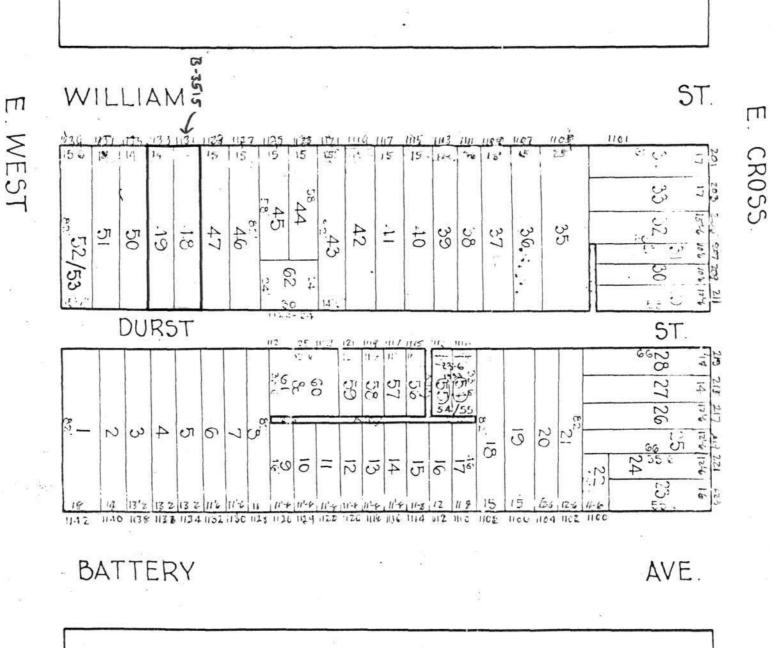
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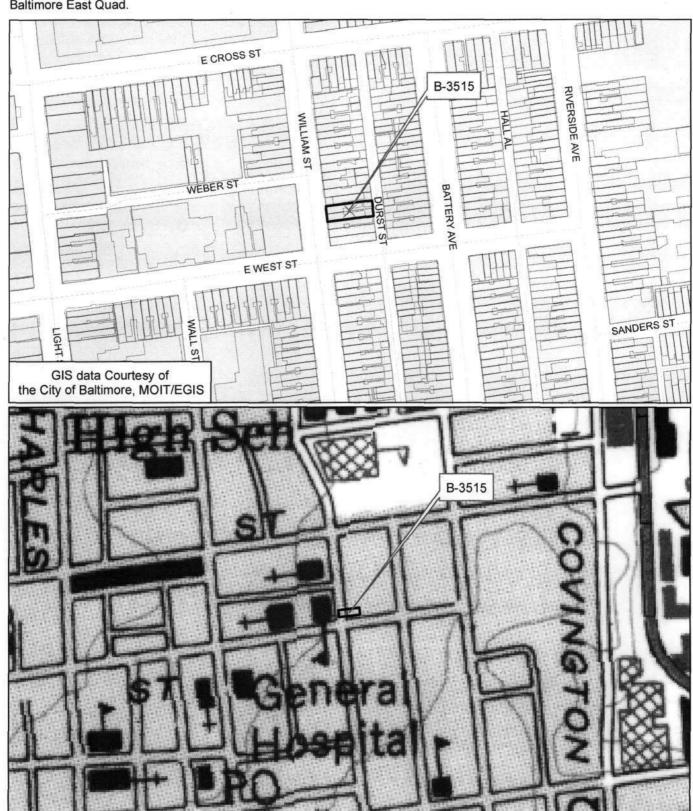
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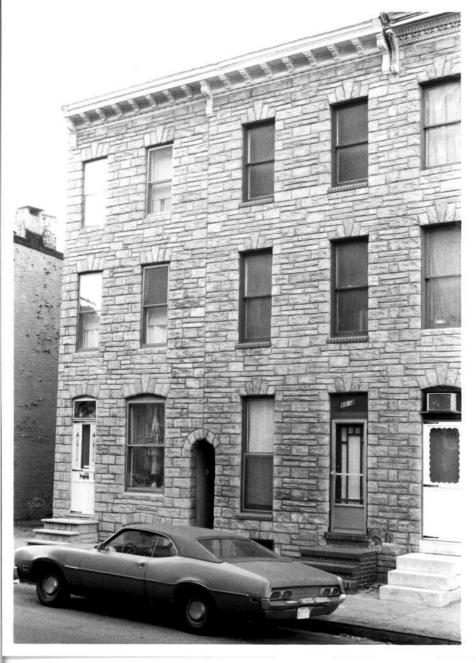
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